

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner divided the invention into 8 groups:

- Group I: Claims 10-19
 Drawn to a method of repairing a nerve.
- Group II: Claim 30
 Drawn to method of constructing a 3-D microstructure.
- Group III: Claims 34, 36, 37 and 38
 Drawn to microsurgery platform.
- Group IV: Claim 41
 Drawn to a system able to repair nerves.
- Group V: Claims 42-44 and 47
 Drawn to a method of manipulating a small object.
- Group VI: Claims 48-51 and 53
 Drawn to a method of manipulating an axon segment.
- Group VII: Claims 54-62
 Drawn to a method.
- Group VIII: Claim 67
 Drawn to a chemical media.

Applicant selects group 1 for prosecution at this time.

Applicant has cancelled other pending claims. Applicant has added claims 69-78, which are also directed to a method of repairing a nerve and to a system for repairing nerves using the method of independent claim 19. No new matter is introduced hereby. Should the Examiner or Patent Office personnel believe a telephone call could expedite processing of this application, please contact the undersigned at 510-769-3508.

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